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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated 12 October 2006, which provides for a response period ending 12 January 2007. The Applicants are submitting this Amendment within two (2) months of the date of the Final Office Action. Please consider the following remarks.

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